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NOT SKEWERED YET.

The Kicker has not yet discovered anything to get scared at. While this is the dull season, yet the subscriptions continue on the up grade. Of course the friends of the Kicker have little in the way of advertising or job work to give. This comes from the merchants, bankers and politicians, and I don't want it at the price. The price is a complete surrender to "the interests" that control the affairs of our country—or, rather, THEIR country. Here are the subscribers since last report—many of which are new.

Forrest—R. H. Mullins, Jesse Stalling, Chas. Dinger, Roy Staley, J. W. Edwards, Henry Baskley, F. M. Scherer, James Crow.
Hill—Altha Kenner, J. A. Tucker, Elbert & Bohn, J. A. Zwickler.
Commerce—Casper Elbert, Wm. Telsmann, John Elbert, Henry Roth, R. W. Taylor.
Sikeston—Green Vaughan, Joe Hutcheson, Fay Brown, J. O. Trent, J. H. Michael, J. A. Chadd.
Benton—Mrs. C. F. Benton, A. H. Adams, Wm. Ristig, C. Triplett, Henry Samples.
Morley—A. L. Swain, J. G. Kluge.
Chaffee—J. V. Bandy, Crowder, J. M. Sheets.
Blodgett—H. G. Alt, Elmer Taylor.
New Hamburg—Chas. Burger, Keiso—John Hess.

T. A. Foster, Bloomfield; D. E. Gropan, Dexter; J. S. Rochel, Cape Girardeau; L. Y. Twitty, Morehouse; W. G. Pyle, Bell City; Mrs. N. A. Kiddie, Burlington, Tex.; A. R. Walker, Texarkana, Tex.; A. C. Schmette, Nehawaka, Neb.; Mrs. Laura Taylor, Worthington, Ind.; M. J. Martin, Pulaski, Ill.; J. M. Swafford, Delavan, Ill.

The Kicker has some mighty good friends out in the county and wants more. Every friend of the Kicker should consider himself its agent and send in at least one new subscriber. Will you do this? Let the capitalists read their paper and let the workers read the Kicker and all will be well—with us.

It is not the editor, personally, that the capitalists and their politicians object to, but the principles advocated by this paper. And if you believe in these principles, it is as much your right as mine.

This paper is good enough for the farmers' union and has been endorsed by it. It is good enough for the Socialists and has been endorsed by them. But it hasn't got the right ring to suit your exploiters. It tells you too much.

Of course you cannot boycott the stores because they refuse to patronize the paper endorsed by you, for the big merchants are all in cahoots. But united action on your part will smash any merchant in the county within six months. But, in so doing, you would only smash one enemy to build up another.

But there is one little group of "Ananiers" that you can "salt" good and hard. You don't have to patronize the little game they have the nerve to call a "fair" over at Oran. It is to get your nickels and dimes that this "fair" is gotten up. Keep away. Let the "best people" have all the "fun"—the dust, popcorn and red lemonade. Let them play at their own shell game.

Our fall stock of dry goods—see it. W. H. Heisserer, Benton.

A CHILD OF GOD.

About 11 o'clock Friday night loud calls for the sheriff were heard coming from the jail. Feeling that something was seriously wrong Mrs. Hafner went over and aroused Mr. Guber. It was soon learned that Mrs. James Hinkle, who is charged with the poisoning of her husband last winter, was about to become a mother. Dr. Haw, the county physician, was sent for, but before he arrived a boy baby was born. Mrs. Hinkle was brought down and placed in a small building in the yard of the sheriff's residence and is getting on well.

I would rather not comment on this affair at all. The daily papers are filled with similar inhuman events—but this is here. It is only another instance of the operation of our cruel and inhuman system. All summer this frail woman has suffered in a cell. Prison food is not prescribed by physicians as proper nourishment for one who is about to become a mother. I am told that the child, with all its clothes, weighs five pounds. What sort of a man will likely develop from this "child of God" that was brought into the world in prison? "Suffer little children"—oh, what's the use? Didn't they pray and sing and "hold service" in the jail? Suppose the mother is guilty as charged, is the child also guilty? And there is even serious doubt about the mother's guilt. A jury said so last May and refused to convict her.

Why this woman is being held I do not know. If there is any evidence to convict her of the poisoning of her husband I have not heard of it. And I have kept pretty close watch on the case. There was no poison found in the stomach of the dead man, nor could it be shown that the woman had ever bought or had any strychnine poison in her possession.

I am not arguing that the woman is innocent. But I do say there is no evidence to prove her guilt. And I believe somewhere in the Good Book there is something about "better let ninety and nine guilty escape than that one innocent person be punished."

The father of Mrs. Hinkle arrived Wednesday.

THE WRONG IDEA.

Monday a farmer from above Commerce was here and I asked him if there were many Socialists in his community.

"Yes," he replied, "there are several up there who will vote the Socialist ticket, but we don't believe in this kind of business."

"Well, then, where do you expect the campaign fund to come from?"

He said nothing and I went on. "The old parties get their funds from the corporations and that is why the corporations are in full control of them. The Socialist party depends on its membership for funds and that is why the membership controls it. Dave Francis, Moze Wetmore, Dick Kerens, Tom Ryan, Morgan, Rockefeller, nor none of that crowd would give a cent to the Socialists. They never knowingly make a bad investment and therefore they place their money on the old parties. The only place the Socialists have to go for funds is to the workers. It is their party and must depend on them for support."

This is a sad mistake many good farmers are making today. They expect to sit quietly and noiselessly by while some mysterious something brings them relief. Instead, they should be active dues-paying members of the Socialist party and have a voice in the direction of the campaign against organized greed.

Many are keeping out of the organization because they have "some friend" on the old party tickets they want to vote for. This is no time for the recognition of "friends" if you believe in capitalism, vote for it. If you believe in Socialism you cannot help it by keeping its enemies in power. If your "friend" wants your vote, let him join the party that stands for your interests. You want find your "friend" voting for any Socialist. HE WOULDN'T VOTE FOR YOU.

SPEAKING DATES.

W. L. Garver, Socialist nominee for governor, will speak at Blodgett, Monday, Sept. 28, 8 o'clock, p. m. Morley, Tuesday, 29, 1:30, p. m. Vanduser, same day, 4, p. m. Rootwood school house, same day, 8, p. m. Commerce, Wednesday, 30, 2 p. m. Edna, same day, 8, p. m. Chaffee, Thursday, Oct. 1, 8 p. m. Oran, Friday, 2d, 8, p. m. Sikeston, Saturday, 3d, 2:30 p. m.

FROM HARBISON CROSSING.

John Sheets and four smallest children left Monday for Worthington, Ind., where they will make their home with Mr. Sheets' daughter, Mrs. Laura Taylor.

We are having lots of dry weather and logging is in full blast.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Bob Hardiston on the 6th, a girl.

See Heisserer's new goods.

MORRIS STAGNER KILLED.

Two campers found the dead body of W. M. Stagner in the road near his home north of Blodgett about day-break Wednesday morning. The hogs had begun to mutilate the body. He had been shot in the side with a shot-gun.

Coroner Cannon of Edna was notified and arrived on the scene before noon and proceeded to hold an inquest. Bloodhounds from Charleston had arrived. Just over the fence in Mr. Stagner's cornfield were discovered the tracks of a man and woman. When the dogs were put to work they followed the tracks to the Stagner home.

Suspicion at once directed itself toward Mrs. Stagner. When Coroner Cannon returned to Benton I asked if there had been any family trouble. "There was no evidence to that effect," replied the coroner, but I learned after the inquest that they had been separated twice.

How did Mrs. Stagner seem to take it?

She talked to me about it about as you are talking.

"Did the location of the shot indicate that it was fired from the field?"

"Yes, he was shot in the right side—the side next to the field. I extracted three buckshot. He was at Blodgett last night at lodge and left there about half-past nine a foot. The neighbors say they heard shooting about half-past ten. The coroner's jury could not place the responsibility."

In the evening Sheriff Guber drove in with Mrs. Stagner and looked her up. Asked if Mrs. Stagner's shoes fit the tracks, the sheriff replied, "Yes, sir; she told me coming up they were her tracks but said that they were made last Sunday—that her and Morris were down there Sunday."

"Did you find any gun at the house?"

"No, there was no gun there. Morris didn't have any gun."

"How did Mrs. Stagner act?"

"Unconcerned as you please—never shed a tear."

The sheriff believes there is a man in the case who used the gun. But, in that case, why should Mrs. Stagner go along?

Morris Stagner was a good man and it is not known that he had an enemy. He was about 45 years old and leaves seven children. Mrs. Stagner was Katie Shields, about 40 years old, and daughter of the late Wash Shields, quite well-to-do and prominent in the county thirty years ago.

THE RED SPECIAL.

As stated in the Kicker, E. V. Debs, Socialist candidate for president, with a group of comrades, is touring the west in a special train paid for by the nickels, dimes and dollars of the workmen. The reports are astounding. Wherever Debs speaks, thousands turn out to hear him. The following dispatch speaks for itself:

"Los Angeles, Calif., Sept. 11.—In this typically capitalist city, where the officials have tried so long to suppress free speech, 7,000 persons last night paid from twenty-five cents to one dollar apiece to hear Eugene V. Debs, the Socialist candidate for president. The immense throng filled the shrine auditorium to overflowing, and the enthusiasm was every whit as strong as that shown the night before at San Diego."

"The Socialists of Los Angeles formed a parade in order to advertise the meeting. It is estimated that more than 2,000 men and women were in line."

"The 'Red Special' stopped at Pasadena and Debs and Simons spoke to a crowd of over a thousand persons in the park."

"The big daily papers of California, astounded at the magnificent reception being accorded the Socialist standard bearer, are sounding dire warnings in their editorial columns against the spread of the revolutionary propaganda."

It is in the air—Socialism is. From every section come encouraging reports. And should Eugene Debs reach the presidency it will not be "His Excellency," but just plain—Comrade Debs. The White House door will not be closed to delegations of workmen, while a Morgan or Rockefeller can walk in without knocking.

PUBLIC SALE.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 3, 1908.
At my place 1 mile east of Randels, I will sell four work mules, two brood mares, 30 head cattle, 40 hogs, two farm wagons—log bolsters, rolling chains and two hay frames, McCormick mower, two horse plows, four 3-horse plows, three double-shovels, one cultivator, one corn drill, hay rake, two A harrows and other farming implements, chickens and ducks, timothy corn in field, household and kitchen furniture and many other articles.

TERMS: \$5.00 and under, cash; over \$5 a credit of 8 months will be given, purchaser giving 8% note with approved security. If promptly paid at maturity no interest will be charged. Discount of 8% for cash.

GEORGE MIER.



New Fall Goods

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DRY GOODS,

Clothing, Shoes, Groceries, Hardware and Saddlery.

American Wire Fencing Lower than Ever.

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The Newest and Latest, with Miss Sallye Rodgers, the expert trimmer, in charge.

Dazzling Array of Feathers and Plumes

W. H. Heisserer, Benton.



SOCIALIST MEETING.

The county committee of the Socialist party met at Benton Saturday, Sept. 12, to arrange for the creation of a campaign fund. The locals represented pledged as follows: Edna, \$10; Vanduser, \$5; Oran, \$5. (\$1.05 paid); Macedonia, \$5. (\$1.05 paid); Pleasant Valley, \$5. (\$2.00 paid); Blodgett, \$1.00; paid; Cary, \$1.50, paid.

Personal contributions were J. W. Heeb, \$5, paid; J. H. Brannan, \$5; Phil A. Hafner, \$5 paid to G. W. Evans.

It was ordered that subscription lists be printed and sent to local secretaries, and that each local report to the county secretary the amount it can pledge to carry on the county campaign.

Motion carried to have Comrade Garver, our candidate for governor, with us for the week beginning September 28, he to receive \$2.50 per speech and expenses.

Bill of \$11.75 allowed Phil Hafner for money advanced and printing. Keith Bowden, County Secretary.

FROM ORAN.

The writer with several other fish of the sucker variety went down to the Fair Grounds Friday night to see the great base ball illumination. When I applied for admission at the main entrance I coughed up 35 cents. And when I started to get a board seat I was politely told to cough again. It is needless to say that I reclined on Mother Earth. However, I sat down feeling as proud as a boy with his first pair of pants and expecting to see the 50,000 candle power lights turned on and the greatest base ball novelty of modern times. But, alas! The game was called. Out rolled an old carpet ball about 10 inches in diameter. Batter up! An up stepped the batter with an old time clothes paddle. As for the illuminations, well, four Japanese lanterns would have been more brilliant than their 50,000 candle power lights. (G!) I'm wondering what kind of bait will be used next time.

Our lively stable men say the road to Benton is nearer by way of Hamburg or at least most of their patrons take that route. Probably it's to avoid the dust.

F. A. Hayden is building dipping tanks on A. J. Matthews' farm near Sikeston.

Messrs. Underwood and Thomas Jolly are building a house for Wm. Tenkhoff.

Dave Metz, who is working at Chaffee, spent Sunday at home.

For the 15th time the Oran Tri-Weekly Fish Club went out to Running Slough Friday—returning with a nice catch.

Wanted—RAIN!

FROM UNITY.

Thomas Dalton, of Tulu, Ky., is visiting his cousin, Bud Wright.

Dave Simmons and family, of near Benton, spent Sunday with his daughter, Mrs. Ed. Kneezel.

Little Delia Higgins, who has been dangerously ill, is slowly recovering.

Mrs. Deliah Kneezel is sick.

George Venable was at Commerce Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Beardsley, of Cary, visited in this neighborhood Sunday.

Mrs. Will Shelton and grandson, of Campbell District, spent Sunday with Mrs. Adolph Rahm.

Ralph Williams has returned from Kentucky.

The dance Friday night, at Louisa Holoway's was well attended.

FROM MORLEY.

Lillie, the ten-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Thos. Anderson, died Tuesday and was buried at the Morley Cemetery Wednesday. Mr. and Mrs. Anderson buried their baby only a month ago.

Mrs. M. V. Harris is having another four room dwelling erected on the Gin block. It is reported that two other nice houses will soon be built on the same block.

P. H. Boyce and wife took their youngest son to St. Louis this week to be treated for throat trouble.

Mrs. Henry Misplay, of near Oran, visited her daughter, Mrs. Campbell, Tuesday.

L. P. Woodward, of Vanduser, visited his daughter, Mrs. Emma Williams, Sunday.

William Black, Sr., will build a nice residence on one of his lots in the near future.

Braxton Nations will build two cottages on his lots in the west part of town.

Mrs. Maude Daugherty has been quite sick for the past two weeks.

Mrs. Ophelia McDonough visited relatives in Bell City this week.

One of Linson Dabbs' children was buried here Monday.

Rev. J. L. Howie preached at Flat River Sunday.

Mrs. Stella Elmore returned from Cairo, Ill. Sunday.

Uncle Charley Butler is quite sick. Everybody is cutting peas.

FROM PORTER'S SWITCH.

Mr. Wheeler and family, of Buckeye, visited at Dave Massey's Saturday and Sunday. Mr. and Mrs. Massey accompanied them home to spend a few days.

A few of the ladies of this community enjoyed themselves Tuesday at an old-fashioned quilting at Mrs. Sam Dozier's.

Mr. and Mrs. Willie Wilson are visiting Mr. Wilson's sister, Mrs. O'Heron, at Bloomfield this week.

Miss Ree Huffstutler is visiting her aunt, Mrs. Mary Morgan, at East Prairie.

The Savannah Church has called Rev. Daugherty as pastor.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Alford Cradie on the 10th, a girl.

Mrs. S. S. Babb is very ill with slow fever.

Peas and late corn are needing rain.

FROM CAK GROVE.

The Oak Grove farmers union met Saturday and transacted considerable business. The union is growing. There will be a meeting at Blodgett on Saturday, Sept. 26, at 2 o'clock, p. m. of all those interested in the union scales.

After peddling a car load of watermelons John Huffstutler arrived home sick.

Dutch Stanley was in this vicinity on a walking-horse last week.

Miss Edna Schneider visited at Benton last week.

FROM NEW HAMBURG.

Aug. Glaus and Albert Goetz visited at Cape Girardeau Sunday.

A son was born to Mr. and Mrs. Mike Scherer Saturday.

Charley Schoen will go to Fredricktown this week to learn blacksmithing.

A child was born to Mr. and Mrs. John Kern—and baptized Monday.

Miss Olivia Mier, of Randels, is attending school here.

See our elegant line of fall millinery. W. H. Heisserer, Benton.

A Newspaper

May be of benefit to the people of a community, and it may be

AN INJURY

Depending entirely upon the point of view. Some newspapers regard a few selfish and useless citizens as

"THE PEOPLE,"

But the Kicker is not of THAT CLASS. It regards the useful citizens—the workers—as the people and believes that when the producers are

PROSPEROUS AND HAPPY

All is well and the goose hangs high. If this be your idea, patronize

The Kicker.

AROUND BENTON.

Comrades Evans and Williams passed through Benton Wednesday on their way to Edna. They report much interest in the lower end of the county. Comrade Evans will speak at Cary Saturday night, Sept. 19, and at Rockview Monday night, Chaffee Tuesday night, Oran Wednesday night and Morley Thursday night of next week. Ladies are especially invited.

Messlames Albert and Balser Menz, of El Reno, Okla., who have been visiting their mother, Mrs. Catherine Legrand, returned home Monday accompanied by the mother.

Miss Julia Wade returned from her visit to Minnesota Friday of last week.

Mrs. B. F. Allen and son, Clyde, returned from their northern trip last week.

A child was born to Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Joyce Thursday of last week.

BUSINESS LOCALS.

Come to Benton and take a peep at our new goods. American fencing "way down." W. H. Heisserer.

All members are especially invited to attend the meeting of the Socialist local at Maddox's restaurant on Oran Saturday night, Sept. 19, at 8 o'clock. By order of the Oran Socialist Local.

For Sale—Two farms on the New Hamburg and Chaffee roads. One contains 105 acres; the other 113 acres. For information apply to D. H. Harper, Oran, Mo. (2-114.)

I have my mill running again. Anyone wishing good sorghum molasses will please call; or you may order by mail or telephone. Satisfaction guaranteed. Price 50 cents per gallon. J. B. Finley, Oran, Mo.

I am just from St. Louis with my new fall stock of millinery. I am prepared to wait on my old customers and hope to see many new ones this season. Mrs. H. T. Mayes, Vanduser, Mo. (45-11.)

Farmers, if you have cattle, hogs or sheep for sale, bring them to us, we pay the highest price.

29-11 Halter & Gangle, Oran.

If you have a farm or town property for sale, list it with me. If you want to buy, see me. D. H. Harper, Oran, Mo. (21-11.)

Farmers! Call at Union Warehouse No. 1, Oran, where you can get the best flour, bran, shipstuf, etc., and also the highest price for grain. Mike Bollinger, 411t Manager, Oran, Mo.

Marshall Arnold, G. R. Daugherty

Arnold & Daugherty, LAWYERS.

Careful attention given to all business entrusted to our care. NOTARY PUBLIC IN OFFICE. Bank Building, Benton, Mo.

ORDER OF PUBLICATION. State of Missouri, county of Scott, ss. In the Circuit Court, do hereby certify that the following is a true and correct copy of the petition of the plaintiff herein for divorce, as filed in the office of the clerk of said court, to wit: The petition of Mary A. Compton, Plaintiff, vs. Oliver M. Compton, defendant.

Now at this, the 20th day of August, 1908, come the plaintiff herein by her attorney and files her petition and affidavits in divorce, alleging among other things that the defendant, Oliver M. Compton, is a non-resident of the state of Missouri, so the ordinary process of law cannot be served upon him in this state in the manner provided by law.

Whereupon it is ordered by the undersigned clerk in vacation that said defendant be notified by publication that plaintiff has commenced a suit against him the object and intent of which is to dissolve the bonds of matrimony existing between plaintiff and defendant and for the restoration of her maiden name, and that unless the defendant be and appear at this court at the next term thereof to be held and hold at the court house in the town of Benton, in said county on the 10th day of September, 1908, or on or before the first day of said term, answer or plead to the petition in said cause, the same will be taken as confessed and decreed accordingly.

And it is further ordered, that a copy hereof be published according to law in the Scott County Kicker, a newspaper published in said county of Scott for four weeks successively, to be published at least once a week, the last insertion to be at least fifteen days before the first day of the said next October term of this court.

J. M. ARNOLD, Clerk. A true copy of the above and seal of the Circuit Court of Scott County, this 20th day of August, 1908. J. M. ARNOLD, Circuit Clerk.

TRUSTEE'S SALE. Whereas, by their certain deed of trust, bearing date of the 10th day of January, 1904, being duly acknowledged and recorded in trust record book number 17, at page 28, being one of the last records of a certain promissory note (hereinafter particularly described) and, whereas, default has been made in the payment of said note and the interest thereon, And whereas the trustee refuses to act.

Now, therefore, I, the undersigned Sheriff at the request of the legal holder of said note, and in accordance with the provisions and stipulations of said deed of trust, and by virtue of the authority vested in me, will on

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 30, 1908, at the court house door in the town of Benton, Scott County, state of Missouri, between the hours of nine o'clock in the forenoon and one o'clock in the afternoon of that day, offer for public auction to the highest bidder for cash in hand, the above described real estate, to wit: Lot 10 of block 4 and 7 in block 4 (4) in Cotton Belt addition to town of Oran, Mo., as shown by the official plat on file in the recorder's office of Scott County, Missouri.

Which said conveyance was in trust to secure the payment of a certain promissory note (hereinafter particularly described) and, whereas, default has been made in the payment of said note and the interest thereon, And whereas the trustee refuses to act.

Now, therefore, I, the undersigned Sheriff at the request of the legal holder of said note, and in accordance with the provisions and stipulations of said deed of trust, and by virtue of the authority vested in me, will on

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